

THE MAYOR'S REPORT

"What's Happening Servant Leader?"

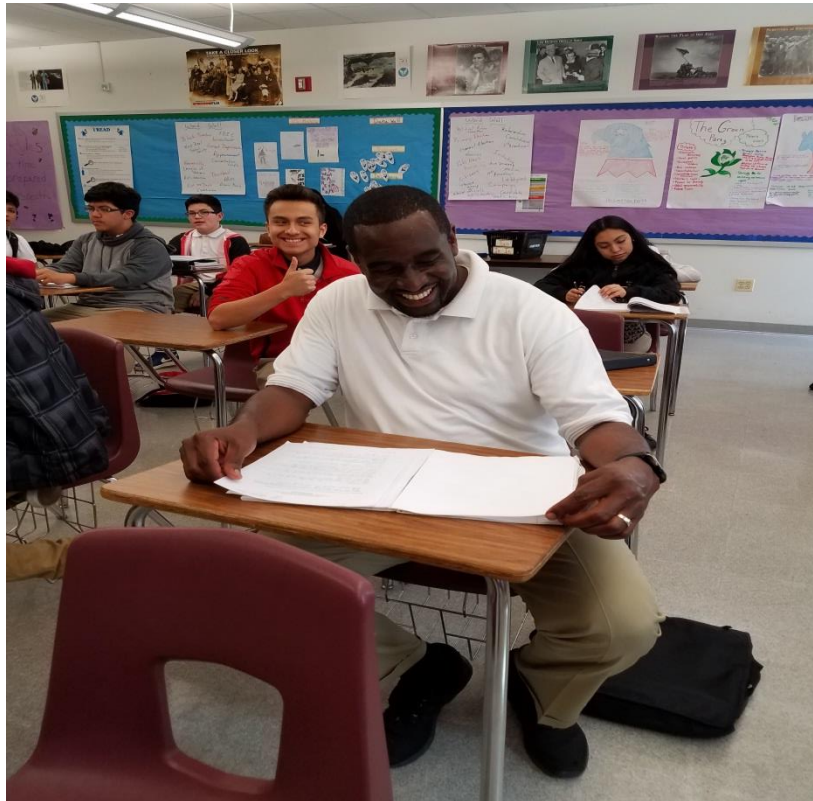


Photo from Mayor Walter James "Student For A Day" Initiative

Mayor Walter Lee James, Jr.

10 April 2017

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

"Valuing People Over Position" – Walter Lee James, Jr.



Mayor Walter Lee James, Jr. March 2017 Community Report

Substantive Meetings/Events

Meeting with Residents regarding Rosina Baldi Park Renovations

On March 22, 2017 the town hosted a community listening session with a representative from Park and Planning. The session was scheduled so that we could hear from our community as it related to the renovations that are being planned for the Rosina Baldi Park, located on Varnum Street. In addition, I went to the park to speak with more individuals about what they would like to see at the park. The following ideas came from the community.

- The children at the meeting really liked the multi-colored (red, blue and yellow) playground set
- Skateboard Park
- Basketball Court
- Expand Park by removed some of the tree line to create space for football
- Dirt bike course
- Volleyball Court
- Tennis Court

Please come out to our next community input meeting regarding the park scheduled for April 17, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Public Hearing regarding Ernest Maier request for a Special Exception

The town hosted a public hearing on March 27, 2017 to solicit comments from our community regarding the special exception filed by Ernest Maier with the Maryland National Capitola Park and Planning to construct a concrete batching plant in the industrial park, within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bladensburg. All comments will be given serious consideration as we a town decide whether or not to support the special exception.

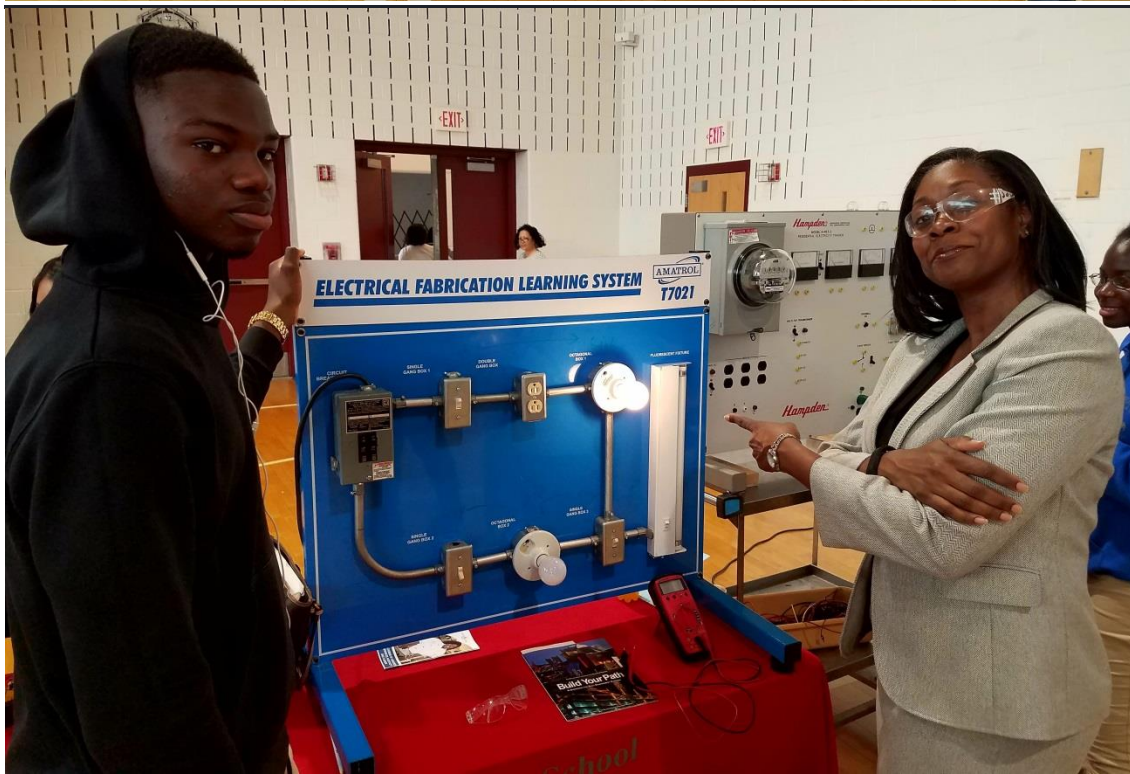
Community Led TNI Meeting

On March 28, 2017, the community led TNI hosted a very productive meeting. The TNI group laid out their top priorities that they would like to tackle within this first year. The TNI team will be giving a report on a regular basis to keep the community informed of their progress.

Bladensburg High School Career Fair

The Bladensburg High School students put on an extraordinary event. There were several vendors, companies and organizations represented at the event. We are thankful to Officer Brown for attending and representing the Town of Bladensburg's Police Department. First Lady Takisha James and I visited with several of the vendors at the event. One of the most impressive exhibits was that of our students in the carpentry and electrical program at

Bladensburg High School. Our students are assisting in building homes in our county. Also, our students in the electrical program who are learning to run electricity properly. *(see photos)*



Student For A Day

For the past four years, I have chosen a day during the school year to take on the form of a student. The purpose of this initiative to gain a deeper insight of what it means to be a student in today's society. It also, allows me to hear from the school as it relates to some of their ideas and concerns so that we collaboratively, can continue to move our schools forward in the right direction. It is one of the most fulfilling things that I do as Mayor. I am truly thankful to Bladensburg High for allowing me the opportunity to have his unforgettable experience. I took the following classes: **Sculpture, Government, Carpentry/Electrical, and English.**

Shout out to the Freshman!!! I was one of you this year!!!



Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Rosina Baldi Park Community Input meeting. – April 17, 2017 at 6:00pm.